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[54] MAILING/FILING SYSTEM FOR CONGRUENTLY CATEGORIZING DIFFERENT TYPES OF ELECTRONIC MAIL RESOURCES RECEIVED THROUGH A MESSAGING SYSTEM

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[57] ABSTRACT

A user operating system is provided for use in a user communications device having a processor controlling a display and a user input device, the processor operating plural application programs each using data files formatted to the particular application program, and a communications terminal for sending and receiving a plurality of different types of electronic mail including such formatted data files. The user operating system includes a messaging application operating in the processor for congruently categorizing electronic mail received at the user communications device based upon the type of electronic mail received. A mail module is operated by the processor to send and receive electronic mail via the communications terminal. A file module, operably associated with the mail module, defines plural directories for storing data files, the data files in any such directory being of a preselect format, and directly stores electronic mail received by the mail module as data files in select ones of the directories based upon the type of electronic mail received.

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